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PATENT FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of: Thomas Boehme

For: CODING AND STORAGE OF PHONETICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF STRINGS

TYPE OF FILING

This new patent application is for a(n):

- ☒ Utility
☐ Design
☐ Plant
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation
☐ Continuation-in-part

Benefit of a prior filed application

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
☒ Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of 21 December 1999 to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application 99125463.2 filed in the European Patent Office on that date.

Filing under 37 CFR 1.53 (Utility) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)

- ☒ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of a specification, at least one claim and necessary drawings.
☒ In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153.

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 21 - pages of written description;
☒ 6 - pages of claims;
☒ 1 - pages of abstract;
☒ 7 - sheets of formal drawings;
☐ - sheets of informal drawings;
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney or listing of inventors;
and
☒ Two postcards for return to us as proof of receipt of the above documents.

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- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation and an Assignment cover sheet;
☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
☐ Form PTO-1449 (IDS) and two copies of the references listed thereon;
☒ A certified copy of European (country) patent application number 99125463.2 (priority document).

- ☐ A preliminary amendment;
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit;
- ☐ Submission of sequence listing, computer readable copy and/or amendment relating thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence;
- ☐ An associate power of attorney;
- ☐ Other.

DECLARATION OR OATH

The enclosed Declaration or Oath has been executed by:

- ☐ Inventor(s);
- ☐ Legal representative of the inventors (37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43);
- ☐ Joint inventor or person showing proprietary interest on behalf of an inventor who refused to sign or who cannot be reached and this is a petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is attached;
- ☒ Has not been executed and is enclosed for the purposes of identifying the inventors.

INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☒ the same;
- ☐ not the same and, as an explanation, a statement is/ will be submitted.

LANGUAGE

The application submitted herewith is:

- ☒ in English;
- ☐ in not in English and in terms of 37 CFR 1.52(d) a verified translation is
 - ☐ attached
 - ☐ not attached.

FEE CALCULATION

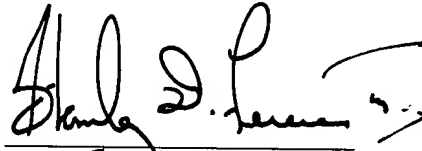
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INDEP.CLAIMS 4 MINUS 3 = 1	x 39=	\$0	x78=	\$78
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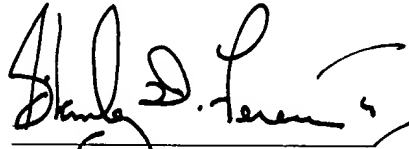
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Patent Application
Written Description
Claims 1-13
Abstract
Drawings (Figs. 1-7)
Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted)
Certified Copy of European Patent Application No. 99125463.2
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